


Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted Ms Reese (via voicemail) on 17 November 2005 to propose amendments placing the claims in condition for allowance. Ms. Rees stated that proposed amendments, if sent via FAX would be considered. The proposal was sent on 18 November. The examiner requested confirmation that the FAX was received. The examiner further requested a response by the 21st. Ms. Rees responded (via voicemail) by saying the amendments are not acceptable. A copy of the FAX'd amendment is attached.


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Art Unit: 1634

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Cancel Claims 2 and 13.

Claim 1: ~~An~~ flexible array assembly comprising:

- (a) an elongated flexible plastic base layer;
- (b) a ~~continuous~~ glass layer forward of the base layer;
- (c) ~~an arrays~~ of biopolymers, each having a pattern of features on a front surface of the glass layer wherein said arrays are arranged along the elongated base layer; and
- (d) a layer between the base and glass layers that blocks at least 10% of an illuminating light incident on said front surface from reaching said plastic base layer; wherein said array assembly is flexible.

Claim 14: A method of fabricating a flexible array assembly of claim 1

comprising:

providing a flexible elongated plastic base layer with a ~~continuous~~ glass layer bound thereto at position forward of the plastic base layer and a layer between the base and glass layers that blocks at least 10% of an illuminating light incident on a front surface of said glass layer from reaching said plastic base layer; and forming along the elongated base layer ~~an arrays~~ of biopolymers, each having a pattern of features on a front surface of the glass layer.